GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Endowments Department – Allegation of irregularities in awarding contract for supply of Ghee Lamps - Sri N.Vijay Kumar, Executive Officer, Sri Kalahasteeswara Swamy Vari Devasthanam – Disciplinary action initiated - Charges framed – Case entrusted to COI - Inquiry Report received – Charges not proved - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. **Dated:08-10-2020.**

Read the following:-

1. G.A (V&E) Dept., Report No.34 (C.No.736/V&E/D3/2009), dated 25-05-2011.
2. Govt.Memo.No.28305/Vig.IV(1)/2011-1, Date: 23.08.2012.
3. From the CED, AP., Hyderabad, Lr.No.V1/39596/2012, dt.18-01-2014.
4. G.O.Rt.No.62, Revenue (Vigilance-IV.I) Dept., dated 22-01-2014.
5. G.O.Rt.No.92, Revenue (Vigilance-IV.I) Dept., dated 31-01-2014.
6. From Sri N.Vijay Kumar, EO, (Retired, as JC, ED), dated 04-07-2014.
7. G.O.Rt.No.55, Revenue (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 19.01.2016.
8. G.O.Rt.No.56, Revenue (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 19.01.2016.
9. G.O.Rt.No.671, Revenue (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 22.05.2018.
10. From Sri P.K.Sarangi, IFS, COI, Genl. Admn.Dept., D.O.Lr.No.50/COIPKS/ 2018, Dated 13.02.2019 along with Inquiry Report.

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O R D E R :

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department have conducted enquiry on the allegations that Srikalahasthi Devasthanam officials have shown favour in awarding contract for sale of ghee lamps in the premises of the Devasthanam and lease of Sankara Muni Complex Hall No.1 & 2 for hotel business and thereby caused loss to the Temple and recommended to initiate appropriate action against Sri N.Vijaya Kumar, the then Executive Officer, Srikalahasthi.

2. Whereas Government, after examining the matter, have decided to initiate disciplinary action against Sri N.Vijaya Kumar. Accordingly based on the draft article of charges furnished by the Commissioner of Endowments Department Government in the references 4th & 5th read above, have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri N.Vijaya Kumar, the then Executive Officer, Srikalahasthi under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991. Articles of Charges were framed against him for non-conduct of auctions and leasing at lesser rates certain facilities provided to the devotees visiting the temple premises. The accused officer was directed to submit his written statement of defense within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the order.

3. Whereas in the reference 6th read above, Sri N.Vijay Kumar submitted his explanation and requested to drop further action against him. Government, after examination of his Written Statement of Defence, appointed Dr. Premchand, IAS (Retired), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries as inquiring authority and Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Advocate as Presenting Officer to inquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer vide reference 7th & 8th read above. Further, on administrative grounds the case was re-assigned to Sri P.K.Sarangi, IFS, Commissioner of Inquiries to conduct enquiry vide reference 9th read above.

4. In the reference 10th read above, the Inquiry Authority has furnished the inquiry report. As per the findings of the Inquiry report, the charges framed against Sri N.Vijaya Kumar are not held proved.

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5. Government after careful examination of the matter, have accepted the findings of the Inquiring Authority and decided to drop further action against the Charged Officer. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to drop further action against Sri N.Vijaya Kumar, the then Executive Officer, Srikalahasthi (Now Retired).

6. The Special Commissioner, Endowments Department shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M GIRIJA SHANKAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (ENDOWMENTS) (FAC)

To
1.The Special Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
2.Sri N.Vijaya Kumar, the then Executive Officer, Srikalahasthi (now retired) through Special Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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The Revenue (Endts.I) Departments, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER